

EXAMINER'S COMMENT

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5/23/2011 has been entered.

Claims 102-121 are pending and are allowed. Claim 104 was rejoined in the Official Action mailed 5/21/2010. SEQ ID NOS:2 and 3 have been rejoined since the generic claim 1 has been found allowable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SEAN MCGARRY whose telephone number is (571)272-0761. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Calamita can be reached on (571) 272-2876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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